



in touch

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The Headmaster welcomed everyone back to the final half term of the school year. It is scary when you think how much has to go on in the next 5 weeks! Exams for everyone, Camps, Summer Gathering, School of Rock and the World Cup!

Mr Selwyn asked all pupils to ensure they are in the right place at the right time with the right equipment when their exams are taking place.

Mr Stockton and a group of pupils spent half term in Fontainebleau, France on a bouldering trip. Fontainebleau, set in a magical forest, is arguably the best location in the world for bouldering. Thank you to the students for operating in such a safe manner and to Miss Bebbington, her partner Simon and Arizona for sharing the work load so enthusiastically.

You know when you have delivered a good product when you can see the look of envy from young British climbers asking why they couldn't have come to Abbotsholme and done such cool activities!

Sports' Reports

U15 Rounders

On Wednesday 26 May 2010 Abbotsholme U15 Rounders team played Abbots Bromley at home.

We started off well winning the toss and chose to field. We stayed strong with accurate passing from Charlotte Bishop and some good catches by Ella Pownall. Despite our tactical fielding Abbots Bromley managed to score 14 Rounders.

Our batting was good with some good hits from Charlotte, Ella, Katey Gardiner and Annabel Gill. However Abbots Bromley's fielding was strong and as a result several players got caught out. At the end of the innings the score was 14 – 8½ to Abbots Bromley.

In the second innings there were a few tactical swaps and we came back strongly, however, there were a few trips and falls due to the weather. This resulted in laughter from some players causing a loss of focus; however, we did manage to make a few good passes and throws. Our batting wasn't as strong as in the first innings but we did have a few big hits.

All of the girls played really well. Player of the Match was Ella Pownall for good catching and hits. The final score was 29-11 to Abbots Bromley and although not our strongest match has got to be our funniest!

Sports' Fixtures

Boys' Cricket–Wednesday 9 June 2010

U16 v Lichfield (A) – 1.15pm

U14 v Denstone (H) – tbc

Boys' Cricket–Friday 11 June 2010

U12/13 Lichfield (H) – 3.00pm

Girls' Rounders–Wednesday 9 June 2010

U15 v SIGS (A) – 3.00pm

U13 v SIGS (A) – 3.00pm

U12 v Denstone (H) – 2.00pm

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Chapel Announcements

Mrs Wood – The ‘Scream’ competition is still running, the prize 4 tickets to Alton Towers.

Mr Sellar – For those attending the Year 9 Anglesey Adventure Weekend there will be a kit check this Thursday at 1.00pm.

Miss Coonan – I would like to catch up with those runners taking part in the Relay Event, a week on Saturday, sometime during this week.

I will be taking part in a cross country race near Alton this Thursday at 7.00pm if anyone is interested in joining me please let me know. There will also be a race next Thursday evening at Wetton.

Mrs Bennett – The preliminary athletics competition takes place this Friday afternoon, please keep an eye on the notice board for events and timings.

The Junior Swimming Gala will take place on Tuesday 8 June 2010 at 4.00pm. Parents are very welcome to come and support!

Mr Moon – Additional instrumental lessons - Many thanks to all the parents who have responded so promptly to my letter. If you would like your child to have additional lessons, please return the reply slip at the bottom of the letter as soon as possible.

Mr Palmer – For those taking part in the Fencing match this Wednesday we will be leaving school at 7.00pm from the school car park.

Lower Sixth are reminded that their kit check for Camps will take place on Monday 21 June 2010.

Mrs Wainwright – Tarmac is being laid around the school, please be aware of where you can and cannot go, look out for signs and avoid machinery

Team E, Orchard and Year 9 are on duty this week.

Headmaster – I would like to wish you all good luck this term. I realise how hard it is to learn, I tried to learn to surf over half term and failed miserably. It is tough to learn especially for those of us who have to work hard at it, when others seem to conquer difficulty with ease. There is no substitute for hard graft and that is what we all have to do over the next five weeks because make no mistake the harder you work the better you will get.

It's going to be tough but when the going gets tough, the tough Abbotsholmians get going.

The best of luck to everyone.

Junior Department Assembly

Mrs Taylor thanked the children for a very successful camp at Lea Green.

Mr Newbitt welcomed Freddie Nowell who is joining Mrs Taylor's class today.

Congratulations to Sharlotte Amos on coming 3rd in the dressage at Hargate Arena.

Also, congratulations to Toby Bushell on coming 3rd in the National Grass Track Cycling Championship for the Under 10 boy's competition.

Lauren Amy received a certificate for climbing the 311 steps at the Great Fire of London Monument. Well done Lauren.

Mrs Taylor is taking a group of children on a cycle ride to the Manifold Valley Cycle Centre on Saturday 12 June 2010. Could those children who have shown an interest please return their forms as soon as possible.

On Tuesday 8 June 2010 the Junior Swimming Gala will be held, weather permitting. Could all juniors make sure that their swimming costumes are in school.

Due to some of our roads being tarmaced we have asked all the children to take extra care when crossing the road due to the drivers of the

large machinery not being able to see the little ones so easily.

Unfortunately there will no riding lessons today and probably not before Thursday as the horses cannot be moved from the stables in case they are frightened by the large machinery. Those children having private lessons have been asked to see Alex at lunch in the dining room.

Notice

There will be a Theatre Trip on Friday 25 June 2010 to the Regent Theatre to see a performance of "Brassed Off". Mr Bird will be performing as a member of Stage Productions.

Brassed Off - is the stage play of the multi award winning film of the same name which follows the heart tugging fortunes of a colliery brass band.

It's 1994, and the lifeblood of Grimley's community is threatened when the pit looks set for closure signifying the loss of 1200 jobs and the end for the colliery's long-standing and close-knit brass band.

Conductor Danny is determined the band gain National recognition and with the arrival of flugelhorn-playing Gloria it seems his goals aren't quite so far-fetched. But as loyalties are questioned and political and personal pressures erupt, can the band ever reach the National Championships and realise Danny's dreams of hearing Grimley play at the Albert Hall?

A live Brass Band will play on stage at each performance.

The play does contain some rather adult themes and language, so the Friday Evening trip is only available to students Year 9 and above. Obviously, if you wish to accompany your child, you can make your own decision. The film version of *Brassed Off* has clips on You Tube if you would like to check its suitability.

If your child would like to go on the trip, they need to see Mr Bird to sign up by 11 June 2010. Alternatively, you may wish to attend yourselves on another night. Tickets are available from the Regent Theatre – David Bird

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